Amherst Budget Coordinating Group Summary Points – March 31, 2011

At our March 31st meeting, the members of the Budget Coordinating Group agreed that the following points would be conveyed to our home boards and committees:

- 1) That we affirmed our support for allocating the first \$690,000 of State aid in excess of original projections as suggested at the 3/17 meeting: Elementary Schools \$300,000; Town \$200,000; Library \$40,000; Capital \$150,000.
- 2) That we agree that the next level of priority for revenues beyond the \$690,000 estimate would cover:

a) Town Parks/Rec Area Supervisor

\$56,452

b) School One-Time Costs \$70,000 (Co-Teaching, Intervention Models, Curriculum, SW-PBIS)

c) Library Restoration of Professional COLA

\$12,000

d) Capital priorities, boosting investment from 6% to 6.23% \$92,000 (Line painter, Cottage St. drainage, WW courtyard)

Total: \$230,542

- 3) That John, Maria and Tevis will create a recommendation as to how to distribute revenues if the total were to be in excess of \$690,000, but less than the full \$920,542 (\$690,000 + \$230,542) needed to fund the list above.
- 4) That should additional revenues exceed \$920,542 as detailed in the points above, we support breaking the remaining prioritized requests (Town \$76,447; Elementary Schools \$94,188; Library \$57,212; and Capital \$107,000 = \$334,847) into line items and having John, Maria and Tevis create a list that alternates the prioritized line items in a fair and practical manner.
- 5) That any revenue in excess of that needed to fund the prioritized requests detailed above would go to reserves.